Observance Of Opening And Closing Hours By Shopkeepers In Delhi

*405. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Administration has recently issued orders under the Delhi Shops and Establishments Act, 1954 for observance of opening and closing hours strictly by shopkeepers in the capital;

(b) if so, whether despite the orders several shop owners/managers in the capital are not observing the timings thereby exploiting the employees to work for longer hours without any extra payment;

(c) if so, the number of shopkeepers/establishments found violating the orders during the current year; and

(d) the action Government propose to take against those found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) to (d). No fresh orders have been issued recently by the Delhi Administration regarding the opening and closing hours of shops and commercial establishments. The orders issued last in July, 1979 are still extant. According to the Delhi Administration most shops and commercial establishments adhere to the prescribed opening and closing hours. Due vigilance is however being maintained in this regard and action is taken wherever called for. During the period from 1.1.91 to 31.7.91, prosecution was launched in respect of over 11,000 shops for contravention of the provisions relating to the opening and closing hours and close day contained in the Delhi Shops and Establishments Act. The Delhi Administration has further stated that the Commissioner for Workmen's Compensation is designated as the authority under the Delhi Shops and Establishments Act to decide claims arising out of delayed payment or non-payment of earned wages of a person employed in a shop or an establishment.

[*Translation*]

Academic Calendar Followed By Various Universities

*406. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Starred Question No. 25 on July 15, 1991 and state:

(a) the aspects of academic Calendar being followed by various Universities in the country and particularly in Bihar;

(b) the number of years for which examinations and the results had been delayed in various Universities in Bihar; and

(c) the steps being taken to remedy this situation?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). The Model Academic Calendar, circulated by University Grants Commission for implementation by the Universities from the Academic year 1990-91, inter-alia, provides for last date of admission; last date for completion of examination and declaration of results; and a minimum number of 180 teaching days every year. According to the information furnished by the Commission, six Universities including Magadh University in Bihar, have agreed to adopt the Model Academic Calendar.

The Commission has further stated that,

as per information furnished by Government of Bihar, there is a backlog of one to two years in degree level examinations and two to three years in Master's level examinations in various State Universities in Bihar except K.S. Darbhanga Sanskrit University. The State Government is considering a proposal to declare one or two years as non-vacation years to clear the backlog. The State Government has also issued instructions to all Universities that the UGC's stipulation of 180 teaching days in an academic year should be strictly adhered to.

Navodaya Vidyalayas In Rented Buildings

2541. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Navodaya Vidyalayas opened, State-wise; and

(b) the details of such Vidyalayas which are running in rented abd donated buildings.

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) 275 Navodaya Vidyalayas have been opened in the country so far. The State-wise breakup is attached as Statement-I.

(b) The details are attached as Statement-II.